

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Martin F. BACHMANN *et al.*

Appl. No.: 10/551,054

§ 371(c) Date: September 23, 2005

For: **Melan-A-Carrier Conjugates**

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Examiner: MOSHER, Mary

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Reply to Election of Species Requirement

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Sir:

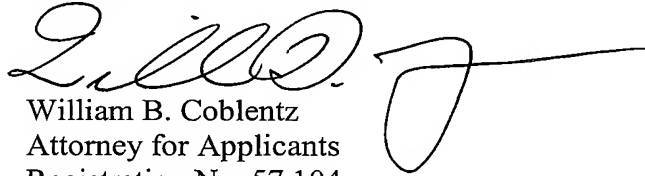
In reply to the Office Action dated January 4, 2008, Applicants hereby provisionally elect unmethylated CpG-containing oligonucleotides as the species of immunostimulatory substance bound to antigen-bound virus-like particle. It is respectfully believed that claims 1, 2, 5, 7-9, 11, 12, 14-16, 18, 21, 22, 27, 28, 30, 32, 38, 46, 89-94 and 97-103 read upon the provisionally elected species.

This election is made **without** traverse. Applicants reserve the right to have additional species considered in the event that a generic claim is found to be allowable in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.141(a).

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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